

SENATE RESOLUTION 137
By Bryson

A RESOLUTION to recognize Judge Lonnie R. Hoover on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Judge Lonnie R. Hoover, General Sessions and Juvenile Court, Division 1, is one such commendable individual who has been the longest presiding Judge at the Williamson County Courthouse; and

WHEREAS, in 1992, Lonnie Hoover was appointed as Williamson County's first Juvenile Referee, and in 1995 he was appointed as General Sessions and Juvenile Court Judge, Division 1; he was elected to that position the following year, re-elected in 1998, and is now concluding his estimable tenure as General Sessions and Juvenile Court Judge, Division 1, with a well earned retirement; and

WHEREAS, born in Nashville, Lonnie Hoover is a seventh generation Tennessean; he received his bachelor's degree from the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and his juris doctorate degree from Nashville School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Lonnie Hoover practiced law in Franklin for ten years, handling thousands of cases in criminal, juvenile, and civil courts throughout Middle Tennessee; as Chief presiding Judge of the General Sessions and Juvenile Court, each year he heard more than 1,000 Juvenile Court cases and more than 10,000 General Sessions cases; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hoover has presided with acumen and alacrity over the most efficient court operation in the State, with no backlog of cases; in 2005, his Court collected more than \$2.5 million from criminal defendants, more than any other Court of similar size in the State; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hoover has supervised approximately fifty employees at Juvenile Court and General Sessions Court with a combined budget of more than \$1.5 million, including two around-the-clock departments; he has also been charged with the operation of the Alternative Learning Center, youth service officers, the public service department, and the probation department and court officers; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hoover has lent his superb leadership skills to numerous civic endeavors and is an important figure in the advancement of many worthy organizations. He is a member of the Williamson County Republican Party; the Chairman's Circle; Franklin Noon Rotary Club; and the People's Church of Franklin; he has served as the 2005-2006 Vice President of the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference; founder of the Teen Court of Williamson County; co-founder of Closer to Home, a Williamson County charitable organization; director of the Christmas Elf Project, benefiting more than 100 children and families each year; and a founding member and Master of the Bench for the John Marshall Inn of Court; and

WHEREAS, throughout his life, Judge Hoover has dedicated himself to the pursuit of bettering the lives of his fellow human beings and improving his community; a Paul Harris Fellow, he is a member of National Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Tennessee Conference of Juvenile and Family Court Judges; Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference; and the American Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hoover is the proud father of Angela Hoover, a Franklin attorney; and

WHEREAS, a man of many talents and interests, Lonnie Hoover is an FAA licensed pilot, a PADI certified scuba diver; and a National Forensic League public speaking judge for more than thirty years; and

WHEREAS, Judge Hoover epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, throughout his estimable career, Lonnie Hoover has demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, staff, and community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and commend Judge

Lonnie R. Hoover for his meritorious service to Williamson County and the State of Tennessee, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy retirement and every success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.